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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant files the present Preliminary Amendment with the filing of the accompanying application which is a National Application claiming priority of PCT Application No. PCT/ZA2004/000096. The amendments made herein amend the claims of the PCT Application by eliminating the multiple dependent character of claims 3, 5 and 6 and cancelling claim 7 of the PCT Application.. The amendments to the claims are presented in the form prescribed in the paper entitled REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE: 37 CFR 1.121 CHANGED, and effective July 30, 2003.